

Canadian Human Rights Foundation

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Human Rights Foundation (CHRF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the defense and promotion of human rights through education, in Canada and around the world. The CHRF was established in 1967 by a group of Canadian jurists, scholars and human rights advocates, among them the late John P. Humphrey, one of the drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These pioneers were committed to bringing human rights to the forefront of the Canadian experience through educational programmes. Today, the CHRF remains faithful to its initial mandate and fulfills its mission through programs which support the development of pluralistic and democratic civil societies. Their educational programs focus on human rights law and public education techniques and strategies. They contribute to the creation and consolidation of networks of human rights defenders, in Canada and around the world.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

Their main activities include an annual International Human Rights Training Program (IHRTTP), Regional Programs in Africa, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, as well as training programs for National Institutions in developing countries.

The CHRF also initiates dialogue and fosters research through Conferences on emerging human rights issues and a series of Publications including educational materials, conference proceedings and a bilingual newsletter, *Speaking About Rights*.